

Obama's In-Box

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❶ What limits a U.S. president to two terms in office?

- a** Article II of the Constitution
- b** the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution
- c** the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution
- d** mutual agreement between the two main political parties

❷ Which statement best describes the Congress that President Obama will work with to pass legislation as he begins his second term?

- a** Only the House of Representatives is Republican-controlled.
- b** Only the Senate is Republican-controlled.
- c** Both halves of Congress are Republican-controlled.
- d** Both halves of Congress are controlled by Democrats.

❸ A chief U.S. concern regarding its relationship with China is

- a** the threat of Islamic militancy.
- b** China's support of rebel groups in Afghanistan.
- c** China's alliance with South Korea.
- d** China's manipulation of its exchange rate.

❹ Pressing threats in the Middle East include an escalating civil war in

- a** Iran.
- b** Saudi Arabia.
- c** Syria.
- d** Pakistan.

❺ In terms of carbon dioxide emissions, the U.S. ranks

- a** first in the world.
- b** second to China.
- c** second to India.
- d** third behind Russia and China.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

❶ What is meant by Washington "gridlock"? Do you think it's possible for the nation to move past it? Why or why not?

❷ What issues on the president's "to-do list" do you think require the most bipartisan cooperation?

❸ Why do political analysts say it will be important for President Obama to manage the U.S. relationship with Russia?